

Sections of HB4 that pertain to Instream Flow Pilot Program

319:48 Instream Flow Pilot Program; Reporting Date Extended. Amend 2002, 278:2, III to read as follows:

III. The commissioner of the department of environmental services shall initiate and adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A for other rivers designated under RSA 483:15 only after the adoption and implementation of the rules relative to protected instream flows pursuant to RSA 483:9-c for the Lamprey and Souhegan rivers and completion of the report required under section 3, III(d) of this act, but not before December 1, ~~[2006]~~ **2008**.

319:49 Instream Flow Pilot Program; Reporting Dates Extended. Amend 2002, 278:3, III to read as follows:

III. The commissioner of the department of environmental services shall:

(a) By April 1, ~~[2005]~~ **2007**, conduct protected instream flow studies and submit a report that details the results of science for the pilot program, including the projected impacts of the protected instream flows and water management plans to be implemented on water users, wildlife, recreation, and other interests along the rivers and any recommendations for proposed legislation. The department shall hold a public hearing jointly with the senate environment committee and the house resources, recreation and development committee within 60 days and be open for a public comment period of an additional 30 days. The department shall consider the public comments received in any revisions to the protected instream flow levels and water management plans for the Lamprey River and the Souhegan River.

(b) By October 1, ~~[2005]~~ **2007**, adopt and implement the protected instream flows and water management plans relative to the Lamprey River and the Souhegan River.

(c) One year after the adoption and implementation of the protected instream flow levels and water management plans for the Lamprey River and the Souhegan River, the department shall hold a public hearing and open a 30-day public comment period. The department shall consider the public comments received in any revisions to the protected instream flow levels and water management plans for the Lamprey River and the Souhegan River.

(d) By December 1, ~~[2006]~~ **2008**, submit a report that details the activities and results of the pilot program, including the impacts of the protected instream flows and water management plans on water users, wildlife, recreation, and other interests along the rivers and any recommendations for proposed legislation. The report shall also include a summary of public comments received and the completed instream flow studies and the adopted protected instream flow levels and water management plans and shall be submitted to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the governor, and the state library.

319:50 Committee to Study the Impact of Water Withdrawals on Instream Flows; Report Date Extended. Amend 2000, 242:5 as amended by 2001, 138:6 and 2002, 278:6 to read as follows:

242:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, ~~[2006]~~ **2008**.

319:51 Transfer of Funds. The sum of \$355,000 shall be transferred from department of environmental services PAU 03-04-02-01-01, class 92, source water protection program, to

department of environmental services PAU 03-04-02-06-10, class 92, protected instream flow pilot program